

Pipeline Committee
Minutes of November 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.

Attendance: Len Freeman, Walter Norton, Rick Daniel, and Kay Ogrodnik.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence for former Committee member Richard Barton who died November 14. The minutes of August 4, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Old Business. Len reviewed the status of the removal effort. The Navy issued a contract to Charter Environmental of Wilmington, MA. The contractor is preparing a work plan to submit to MEDEP for approval. Additional requirements mandated by MEDEP have delayed submission. At the present time submission is expected in a few weeks and Charter is hoping to start operations by February 1st. The Town will get a copy of the work plan and a public meeting will be scheduled prior to ground breaking.

New Business.

Charter Environmental requests use of a portion of Mitchell Field for a lay down area where they can store material and supplies. They are looking at an area about 150' by 150' in the field immediately south and west of the generator building. They will fence the area and return it to its current condition at the end of the project. Following consideration of possible alternatives it was moved and seconded to approve the contractor's location as proposed. The motion passed.

The committee noted that the public will see the contractor's lay down area and have concerns. It was moved and seconded to recommend that the Selectmen have the contractor place a sign at the lay down area with wording approximately as follows:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please excuse this untidy portion of Mitchell Field. This temporary work area facilitates a project of great importance to the Town of Harpswell.

Charter Environmental, under contract to the US Navy, is removing the pipes that carried fuel from here to the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Following pipeline removal (expected by December, 2010) this work area will be restored to its original condition.

The motion passed.

Next, a draft annual report was reviewed and approved with the understanding that changes might be required as events evolve.

Next meeting. The next meeting of the Committee will be at the call of the co-chairs.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.